

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

L.R. NO.: 4371-01
BILL NO.: HB 1947
SUBJECT: Dentists; Health Care; Health Department
TYPE: Original
DATE: February 21, 2000

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003
General Revenue	(\$67,142)	(\$79,311)	(\$81,690)
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> State Funds	(\$67,142)	(\$79,311)	(\$81,690)

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003
None			
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

This fiscal note contains 4 pages.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Department of Economic Development - Division of Professional Registration** assume this proposal would not fiscally impact their agency.

Office of Secretary of State (SOS) officials state the proposal would establish a donated dental services program to use volunteer dentists to provide dental care for the needy, disabled, elderly, and medically-compromised individuals. SOS states that based on experience with other divisions, the rules, regulations, and forms issued by the Department of Health could require as many as approximately sixteen pages in the "Code of State Regulations". SOS states that for any given rule roughly half again as many pages would be published in the "Missouri Register" as in the "Code" because cost statements, fiscal notes, and the like are not repeated in the "Code". SOS states these costs are estimated. SOS estimates the cost of a page in the "Missouri Register" to be \$22.50. SOS estimates the cost of a page in the "Code" to be \$26.50. SOS states the actual costs could be more or less than the numbers given. SOS states the impact of this proposal in future years is unknown and depends upon the frequency and length of rules, filed, amended, rescinded, or withdrawn. SOS states the proposal alone does not require additional personnel but the cumulative effect of other proposals that require rulemaking activity may, in the aggregate, necessitate additional staff.

Oversight assumes the SOS could absorb the costs of printing and distributing regulations related to this proposal. If multiple bills pass which require the printing and distribution of regulations at substantial costs, the SOS could request funding through the appropriation process. Any decisions to raise fees to defray costs would likely be made in subsequent fiscal years.

Officials from the **Department of Health (DOH)** state that they would use contracted professional services to administrate the program outlined in this proposal at an annual cost of \$79,311.

Department of Social Services officials did not respond to our fiscal impact request.

FISCAL IMPACT - State Government

FY 2001
(10 Mo.)

FY 2002

FY 2003

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2001 (10 Mo.)	FY 2002	FY 2003
GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
<u>Costs - Department of Health</u>			
Contracted services	<u>(\$67,142)</u>	<u>(\$79,311)</u>	<u>(\$81,690)</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND	<u>(\$67,142)</u>	<u>(\$79,311)</u>	<u>(\$81,690)</u>
 <u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	 FY 2001 (10 Mo.)	 FY 2002	 FY 2003
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

DESCRIPTION

This proposal would allow the Department of Health to contract with the Missouri Dental Board to establish a Donated Dental Services Program in conjunction with the provisions of Section 332.323, RSMo. Licensed volunteer dentists would provide comprehensive dental care for needy, disabled, elderly, and medically compromised persons. Dental care could be provided to such persons in a licensed volunteer dentist's office. Eligible persons would be required to pay for dental laboratory costs. The department would be required to contract with the Missouri Dental Board, its designee, or other qualified organizations to administer the program. The proposal also contains provisions specifying the contractual responsibilities of the organization administering the program.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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Department of Health
Department of Economic Development
Division of Professional Registration
Office of Secretary of State

NOT RESPONDING: Department of Social Services

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeanne Jarrett". The signature is stylized with a large initial "J" and a cursive "e" at the end.

Jeanne Jarrett, CPA
Director
February 21, 2000